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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Natasha Baker *NBaker*
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Information about the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction
Grant for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

For the past 13 years the Michigan Department of Education has received the AP Test Fee Reduction Grant. This grant pays for AP tests and the International Baccalaureate (IB) tests and registration fees for low-income students.

The funding for the AP Test Fee and Incentive Programs allocation will be approximately \$28 million. Given the current budget climate, this is a comparatively positive outcome that attests to the value of the federal AP funding in boosting low-income students' college readiness and reducing their college costs.

The Michigan Legislature has appropriated \$250,000 in the budget to allocate a maximum of \$15 per AP test for students who qualify for test fee reductions.

Below are the full details for the AP Test Fee program for the 2014-2015 school year.

AP Test Fee Program – 2015

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$41 per exam.**
- The State of Michigan's contribution to low-income students will be **\$7 per exam.**
- The College Board contribution to low-income students will be **\$26 per exam.**

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- This combination of state, federal, and College Board subsidies results in a **\$5 per exam fee** for low-income students.

IB Test Fee Program – 2015

- The federal contribution to low-income students will be **\$98 per exam.**
- The State of Michigan contribution to low-income students will be **\$11 per exam.**
- This combination of state and federal subsidies results in:
 - 1) Students paying the **entire** registration fee.
 - 2) Students pay **\$0 per exam.**

Please direct any questions to Sam Sinicropi at 517-241-0439 or email to sinicropis@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance